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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – SEPTEMBER 2015 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in September, up 5 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in September 2014.

**Beef production**, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,383 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.8 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from last year, at 312 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.73 million head, up 10 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.2 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

**January to September 2015 commercial red meat production** was 35.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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